UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Guide for Transfer Students

2025

Lead the Way

Becoming a leader doesn't just happen. It takes patience, tenacity, and drive. Leadership develops when you challenge yourself among the brightest and the best.

Each year, hundreds of the nation's best and brightest, like you, transfer to the University of Michigan from other institutions. Your talents, skills, and dreams have an immediate impact on our campus culture and community.

Immerse yourself in our world filled with big ideas and a passion for the future. Thrive amid over two centuries of excellence, tradition, and opportunity. Realize your true potential when you're inspired by world-renowned faculty at a top university.

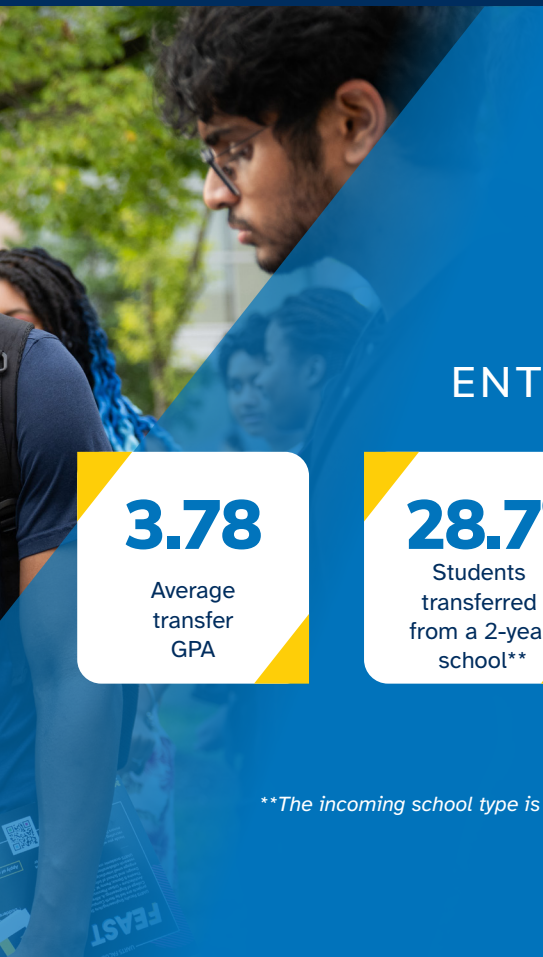
Make this journey, and it will become part of you forever.

A Competitive Michigan Transfer Student

Competitive transfer applicants will have taken a strong curriculum of transferable college courses. As we assess the curriculum elected, we are looking for classes that satisfy distribution requirements, align with academic area of interest/major, and/or demonstrate progression of curriculum (upper-level coursework).

If a transfer applicant has less than two full semesters of graded college work to present at the time of application, we will also consider their high school academic record as part of our evaluative process.

In addition to an applicant's academic preparation, we use a holistic review process and also consider a student's personal background, involvement and accomplishments outside of the classroom, their essays, and their expressed interest in transferring to U-M as part of our evaluative process.



FALL 2024 ENTERING CLASS*

3.78
Average transfer GPA

28.7%
Students transferred from a 2-year school**

71.3%
Students transferred from a 4-year school**

**As of September 2024.*

***The incoming school type is unknown for some transfer students.*

Schools and Colleges

Your decision to transfer to Michigan is a smart one. You will be well-supported in completing your education with Michigan, which is consistently recognized as one of the top 25 universities in the world.

At Michigan, students must apply to a specific school or college. For assistance in choosing the best one for you, see the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website at **admissions.umich.edu**.

Taubman College of **Architecture and Urban Planning**

» **taubmancollege.umich.edu** | 734-764-1649 | TaubmanCollegeAdmissions@umich.edu

Application deadline: Feb. 1 (fall) | *Portfolio deadline: Mar. 1*

MAJORS:

Architecture (junior-level transfers)

Urban Technology

Stamps School of **Art & Design**

» **stamps.umich.edu** | 734-936-0671 | stamps-admissions@umich.edu

Application and portfolio deadline: Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJORS:

Art and Design

Interarts Performance

Ross School of **Business**

» **michiganross.umich.edu** | 734-763-5796 | rossundergrad@umich.edu

Application deadline: Mar. 31 (fall)

MAJOR: Business

"Being a transfer student has shown me that my experiences matter no matter how unoriginal I thought they might be. They have helped me to see similarities to and learn from others."

Sonam Raghubanshi
Kalamazoo Valley Community College to College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

School of **Dentistry** (Dental Hygiene Program)

» **dent.umich.edu/about/dental-hygiene** | 734-763-3392

Application deadline: Feb. 1 (spring)

MAJOR: Dental Hygiene (junior-level transfers)

Marsal Family School of **Education**

» **soe.umich.edu** | 734-615-1528 | soeadmissions@umich.edu

Application deadline: Oct. 1 (winter, secondary only); Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJORS:

Elementary Teacher Education (junior-level transfers)

Secondary Teacher Education (junior-level transfers)

College of **Engineering**

» **engin.umich.edu** | 734-647-7101 | oua-transfers@umich.edu

Application deadline: Oct. 1 (winter); Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJORS:

Aerospace Engineering

Biomedical Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Climate and Meteorology

Computer Engineering

Computer Science (B.S.E.)

Data Science

Electrical Engineering

Engineering Physics

Environmental Engineering

Industrial and Operations Engineering

Materials Science and Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences

Robotics

Space Sciences and Engineering

School of **Information**

» **si.umich.edu** | 734-763-2285 | umsi.admissions@umich.edu

Application deadline: Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJORS:

Information Analysis

User Experience Design (junior-level transfers)

School of **Kinesiology**

» **kines.umich.edu** | 734-764-4472 | kinesiology-ousa@umich.edu

Application deadline: Oct. 1 (winter); Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJORS:

Applied Exercise Science

Movement Science

Sport Management (junior-level transfers)

College of **Literature, Science, and the Arts**

» **lsa.umich.edu** | 734-764-7433 | oua-transfers@umich.edu

Application deadline: Oct. 1 (winter); Feb. 1 (spring, summer, fall)

MAJORS:

Afroamerican and African Studies
American Culture
Anthropology
Archaeology of the Ancient Mediterranean
Arts and Ideas in the Humanities
Asian Studies
Astronomy and Astrophysics
Biochemistry
Biology
Biology, Health, and Society
Biomolecular Science
Biophysics
Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience
Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science
Chemistry
Classical Civilization
Classical Languages and Literatures
Cognitive Science
Communication and Media
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Creative Writing and Literature
Data Science
Drama
Earth and Environmental Sciences
Ecology, Evolution, and Biodiversity
Economics
English
Environment
Film, Television, and Media
French and Francophone Studies
Gender and Health
General Studies
German
Greek (Ancient) Language and Literature
Greek (Modern) Language and Culture
History
History of Art
Human Origins, Biology, and Behavior
Interdisciplinary Astronomy
Interdisciplinary Chemical Sciences
Interdisciplinary Physics
International Studies
Italian
Judaic Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Latin Language and Literature
Latina/Latino Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Microbiology
Middle East Studies
Middle Eastern and North African Studies
Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology
Neuroscience
Organizational Studies
Philosophy
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Physics
Plant Biology
Polish
Political Science
Psychology
Romance Languages and Literatures
Russian
Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Social Theory and Practice
Sociology
Spanish
Statistics
Women's and Gender Studies

School of **Music, Theatre & Dance**

» **smtd.umich.edu** | 734-764-0593 | smtd.admissions@umich.edu

Application deadline: Dec. 1

MAJORS:

Composition
Dance
Interarts Performance
Jazz & Contemporary Improvisation
Music
Music Education
Music Theory
Musical Theatre
Musicology
Organ
Performing Arts Technology
Piano
Strings
Theatre & Drama
Voice & Opera
Winds & Percussion

School of **Nursing**

» **nursing.umich.edu** | 734-763-5985 | UMSN-UndergradAdmissions@med.umich.edu

Application deadline: Mar. 1 (summer)

MAJOR: Nursing (sophomore-level transfers)

College of **Pharmacy**

» **pharmacy.umich.edu** | 734-764-7312 | mich.pharm.admissions@umich.edu

Application deadline: Mar. 1 (fall)

MAJOR: Pharmaceutical Sciences (sophomore-level transfers)

School of **Public Health**

» **sph.umich.edu** | 734-763-3860 | sph-inquiries@umich.edu

Application deadline: Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJORS:

Community and Global Public Health (junior-level transfers)

Public Health Sciences

Ford School of **Public Policy**

» **fordschool.umich.edu** | 734-764-0453

Application deadline: Feb. 1 (fall)

MAJOR: Public Policy (junior cross-campus transfers only)

"Transitioning to U-M from my community college seemed daunting to me. However, when I got here, I was welcomed by a community that raised me up and helped me succeed."

Helen Brooks

Community College to Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning (Architecture)

"Deciding to transfer has been an amazing decision! I was looking to expand my academic and extracurricular interests and was not disappointed with all the opportunities in Ann Arbor."

Grant Prater

UM-Dearborn to UM-Ann Arbor LSA (Music)

Application Materials

All transfer students are required to submit the following by the deadline:

- [ ] Completed application (The Common Application and University of Michigan questions). Note: Ross School of Business, School of Public Health, and School of Information have unique application elements. Please visit their websites for more information.
- [ ] Proof of high school completion, which can be demonstrated by a high school transcript with a graduation date, GED exam results, O level or A level exam results, or IB diploma exam results.
- [ ] Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions, including any college courses taken in high school or during the summer.
- [ ] Current and future course selection.
- [ ] Application fee. (Application fee waivers are available for those students who are unable to pay. Fee waivers can be requested on the Common Application.)
- [ ] Optional test scores: ACT or SAT if taken as a high school student, and you would like to include your test scores with your application.

  ACT (U-M code is 2062) SAT (U-M code is 1839)
- [ ] TOEFL, IELTS, or MET scores if English is not your first language. Required proficiency score ranges can be found at **admissions.umich.edu/exams**.
- [ ] Requirements for specific schools and colleges (e.g., portfolio, audition request, recommendations, résumé, etc.), if applicable.
- [ ] Gap in education explanation. If, for any reason, you took a semester or more off from your education, please explain why.

Note: Visit **admissions.umich.edu/requirements-country** for additional international requirements.

Application Submission

You can complete our application online at **commonapp.org**. All other required information, such as transcripts in a PDF file, must come from the issuing school or examination board directly.

We highly recommend that all required documents be submitted electronically. You can do so via your application vendor, an online document service such as Parchment, Scrip-Safe, SCOIR, National Student Clearinghouse, or send transcripts via email to **transcripts@umich.edu**.

How may we help you?

You may contact any member of the transfer team with questions via email at **oua-transfers@umich.edu**. You can also reach our Call Center at 734-764-7433. The Call Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

Tuition & Fees

College of LSA approximate fixed costs for 2024-25:

» **RESIDENTS**
First-years/Sophomores: **$17,736**
Juniors/Seniors: **$19,960**

» **NONRESIDENTS***
First-years/Sophomores: **$60,946**
Juniors/Seniors: **$65,216**

**Additional international student fee of $500/term for F and J visa holders.*

Please note that tuition rates can differ for other schools/colleges and majors.

Financial Aid

At Michigan, we're all about helping bright, motivated students break through financial barriers. Whether you're coming from within Michigan or outside the state, we'll do everything we can to assist you with scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal Work-Study programs so you are able to meet the financial requirements.

You can contact us at: **finaid.umich.edu**
Phone: 734-763-6600
Fax: 734-647-3081
Federal School Code: 002325

Go Blue Guarantee

The Go Blue Guarantee is the university's commitment to cover the full cost of in-state tuition for Michigan students pursuing their first bachelor's degree and who have family incomes of $125,000 or less and assets below $125,000 (effective fall 2025); the current thresholds are family incomes of $75,000 or less and assets below $75,000.

» **goblueguarantee.umich.edu**

Scholarships

As a transfer student at Michigan, you may be eligible for a wide range of scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit; special talents, interests, or qualities; financial need; or other criteria. Also, there are a limited number of scholarships offered specifically to students transferring from community colleges in Michigan.

Child Care Subsidy

If you're considering transferring to Michigan and have children, you may be able to take advantage of the U-M Child Care Subsidy Program, which provides funds to assist students with the cost of licensed child care. You'll be required to meet eligibility criteria and must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and application for the subsidy.

Ann Arbor

When you come to Michigan, we know you'll be proud to call Ann Arbor home. Our city is big enough to offer world-class resources, but also has an intimate, small-town feel. In fact, Ann Arbor consistently ranks in the top 10 for best cities to live in the U.S., with an A+ rating from Niche.com.

Even if you've never set foot on campus, our Office of Student Life offers resources and support to help you navigate living in Ann Arbor.

BEYOND THE DIAG

Find everything you need to know about being an Ann Arbor resident with resources on neighborhoods, parking, renting, and more: **offcampus.umich.edu**

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING MARKETPLACE

When you're ready to start your housing search, explore available listings in the Ann Arbor area. You can filter by location, price, and size and even search for a roommate: **offcampushousing.umich.edu/listing**

"Studying at Michigan has always been a dream of mine. I just took a slightly different and longer path to get here. I started my college career at another university about 15 years ago. Going back for a degree had always been something I wanted, but I never felt like it was possible. U-M has been incredibly welcoming and supportive during the entire transfer process. Keep moving forward, keep trying new things, keep learning, and success will find you."

Adam Childers

Washtenaw Community College to U-M LSA
(Asian Studies and Computer Science)

Transfer of Credits

While LSA does not have a minimum credit or GPA requirement, most of our admitted transfer students have earned a cumulative GPA of at least a B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better. Most coursework completed at an accredited college or university is transferable, as long as it's in an area of study available at U-M and you received a grade no lower than "C." You'll most likely receive the number of semester hours of credit earned on the campus where you completed the coursework, regardless of the number of credit hours the comparable U-M course offers.

» **transfercredit.ugadmiss.umich.edu**

Courses can transfer in one of three ways:

EQUIVALENT CREDIT
Courses at other colleges and universities whose content closely matches that of courses here at Michigan. These will appear on your U-M transcript with a U-M course number. Equivalent credit can be used to satisfy distribution requirements and courses needed for degree/major requirements.

DEPARTMENTAL CREDIT
Courses at other colleges and universities whose descriptions don't match courses in the same department on our campus. Departmental credit is transferable and is usually applicable as an elective credit, but it may only be used to satisfy distribution or major requirements with the permission of an academic or major advisor.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CREDIT
Courses that cover a broad range of topics within a general area of study that cannot be assigned to any individual academic department. Interdepartmental credit is usually applicable as an elective credit but, again, may only be used to satisfy distribution or academic major requirements with the permission of an academic advisor.

For more information: **admissions.umich.edu/transfer-credit**

Credits earned outside the U.S. are converted to U.S. semester credits. A course-by-course evaluation submitted by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) (**ece.org**) is advised in addition to submission of all transcripts along with English translations.

The Michigan Transfer Agreement

The University of Michigan participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). For specific requirements visit: **admissions.umich.edu/michigan-transfer-agreement**

Community College

Transferring to a four-year school can be overwhelming, but the University of Michigan works hard to make the process as easy as possible. You may contact any member of the transfer team with questions via email at **oua-transfers@umich.edu**.

The University of Michigan supports the principles that underlie the MTA. Although U-M does not have a general education requirement, courses in the MTA block will be individually evaluated for their role in meeting degree requirements as outlined in the MTA implementation handbook.

MTA guidelines:
admissions.umich.edu/michigan-transfer-agreement

Research Opportunities

The **Community College Summer Fellowship Program** provides currently enrolled Michigan community college students the opportunity to build close working student-mentor relationships with U-M faculty and research scholars.

Learn more: **myumi.ch/w7ryX**

The **Changing Gears Program** provides transfer students the opportunity to become a part of an ongoing faculty-driven research, scholarly, or creative project in their field of interest.

Learn more: **myumi.ch/dkwA6**

"My transfer experience at first was a roller coaster with many ups and downs, like missing my family, but I was also so proud of myself for making it here. Overall, I enjoyed the ride so much that I would get in line again."

Andrea Rodriguez
Henry Ford Community College to
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

The college experience is as much about what happens outside the classrooms and labs as it is about what happens inside. When you transfer to Michigan, you'll find daily opportunities for growth, engagement, leadership, and fun. We bridge passion, purpose, and spirit in a way that no other institution in the world can match.

Academic Support

You won't have to go it alone at U-M, and we encourage you to take advantage of the wealth of student support resources from day one. Our Math Lab, Sweetland Center for Writing, Multicultural Councils, and Career Center are just a few of our many resources to assist undergraduates. You'll also have access to state-of-the-art facilities and technology.

» The Sweetland Center for Writing: **lsa.umich.edu/sweetland**
» Career Center: **careercenter.umich.edu**
» Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives: **oami.umich.edu**

Student Clubs and Organizations

At U-M, you'll be inspired and challenged through more than 1,700 student clubs and organizations. You'll learn from peers from every state and 100+ countries. You'll discover that "Leaders and Best" is more than just a line in our fight song. It's a way of life. Embrace our commitment to community service through the work of such groups as the Detroit Partnership, U-M Stars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children, and dozens more. Or enjoy recreation with intramural sports like sand volleyball, soccer, and broomball. Join Fraternity & Sorority Life at Michigan (with more than 60 chapters on campus), which is characterized by lifelong friendships, service to the community, leadership, and, of course, fun.

For a complete list of student groups: **maizepages.umich.edu**

Campus Life

Our campus is large enough to be exciting, yet small enough to feel like you belong. Home to about 50,000 students with a vast diversity of interests, ideas, cultural and economic backgrounds, philosophies, beliefs, passions, and hobbies — this is a place that will prepare you to become a citizen of the world. At the same time, it's easy to get to know people in campus environments scaled to ease students into circles of friends. Life is excellent on this quintessential American campus designed to fit every need.

Veterans Information

We deeply appreciate the sacrifices veterans of our armed services have made for the country. As a veteran, you are welcome on campus and will find an office designed to meet your needs at the Veteran and Military Services (VMS) program. This program advocates for veterans and all military members who are part of the University of Michigan community. Staff will answer your questions and guide you to information and referral resources that will help you adjust and thrive as an important and highly valued member of our campus community.

For more information visit: **vets.umich.edu**

Military Education Transfer Credits

The University of Michigan is conservative in awarding credit for learning experiences at military schools. U-M may award credits for military courses completed if the courses are consistent with university policy on granting credit when there is an equivalent course taught at U-M. The amount and level of credit given is determined by the faculty in the appropriate university department.

Applicants should submit transcript(s) from the Defense Language Institute (DLI) and/or a joint services transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for evaluation and notification of transfer credit available.

"Previously, I was an intelligence analyst in the army and decided I wanted to go to graduate school. Transferring to U-M was a fantastic choice! In addition to academics, I made some lifelong friends and learned relevant lessons for life, not just what's required in the coursework. The Veteran and Military Services Program was also able to meet my specific needs to understand how to use my military benefits at school."

Melanie Chen
Rutgers University to U-M LSA

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Michigan At-a-glance

280+
degree options, many of which are ranked among the best in the nation

Founded in
1817

712
acres on campus with 500+ major buildings

685k+
total alumni around the globe, including notable artists, scientists, and leaders

Consistently recognized as one of the
top 5
public universities in the U.S. and top 30 universities in the world

59
national championships in 13 different sports, including the winningest football program in NCAA history

Ann Arbor ranked
#2
"Best College Towns in America" by WalletHub

1,700+
student organizations, as well as a wide range of intramural sports

60+
fraternities and sororities

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